

CAPSULE SUMMARY - HOWLIN BARN 'A' (CT-1054)

Howlin Barn 'A' is probably the longest and the youngest barn yet recorded in Calvert County. This aisle plan barn measures 100 feet in length and is believed to have been built in the 1970's when tobacco production rose dramatically following an increase in market prices. This privately owned barn is located in a large, level field in Huntingtown, and is oriented on a east-west axis. The ruin of a recently demolished barn was recorded to the southeast. Hewn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails suggest a pre-Civil War date of construction for the demolished barn. Although a housing development is to be built on the parcel, the owner/developer plans to retain the large, modern barn for community use.

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☐ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

## 8. Significance

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| Period                                    | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric      | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
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|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Benedict, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1054

Howlin barn A is located on the east side of Hunting Creek Rd., approximately two miles from its intersection with highway 4. The location is immediately opposite (to the east) of the Schrom farm. The barn is situated on a flat plain and its axis runs east-west.

A barn that has been demolished for development was located to the southeast of Howlin barn A. Hewn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails were visible in the ruins. Howlin barn A is a modern structure with circular sawn timbers and wire nails. It is a long narrow barn measuring one hundred feet long and twenty-four feet wide. It has a strong axial plan with one central aisle eight feet wide that runs down the center.

This one hundred foot long barn is divided into eight foot bays. There are doors on both gable ends, and an eight foot door and twelve foot wide door on the facades. It is bisected by an eight foot wide central aisle. The barn contains twenty-five rooms. The eight-foot wide bays on either side of the central aisle are floored and raised slightly above ground. Their height above ground varies with the topography that slopes downward to the east, in order to maintain a consistent floor height. The frame is supported on concrete block piers. The materials used in the frame are light circular sawn pressure-treated lumber and galvanized wire nails. The joints are all toe-nailed. Vertical siding interrupted by ten hinged ventilation doors on each long facade covers the exterior. The roof is metal, and rafters on four foot centers rest on a flat false plate. Multiple windbraces and three collars support the roof. Tier poles are circular sawn and nailed. They are separated by forty-two inches vertical distance. Internal plates on either side of the aisle with posts connected by horizontal rails serve as the supporting element for the tier poles.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1054

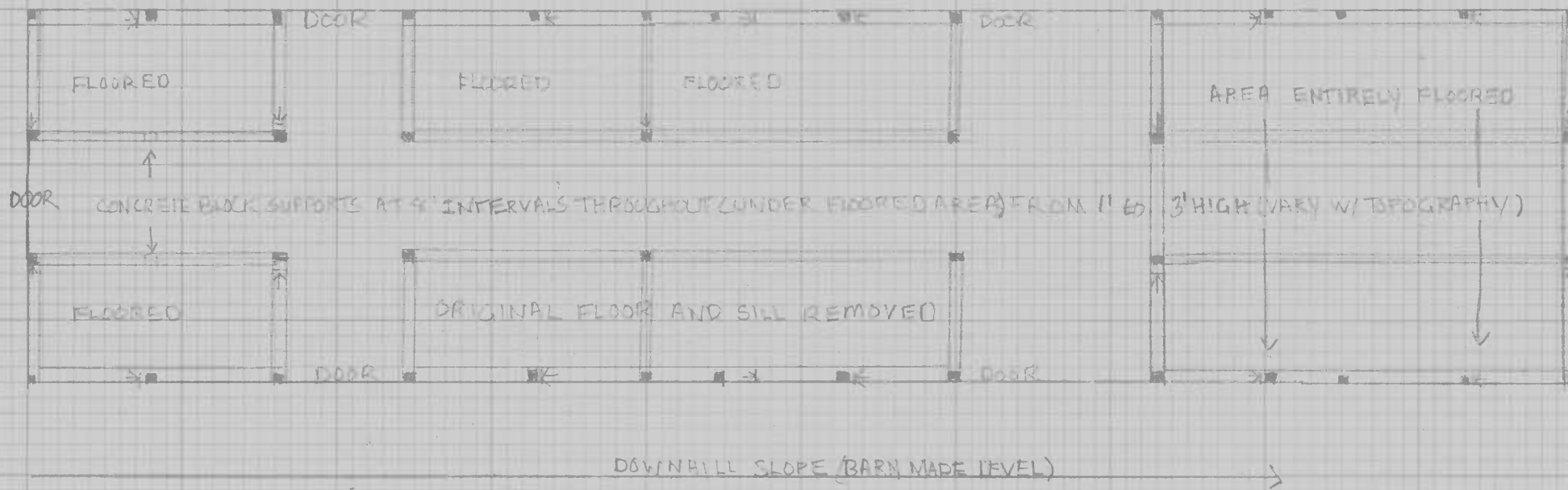
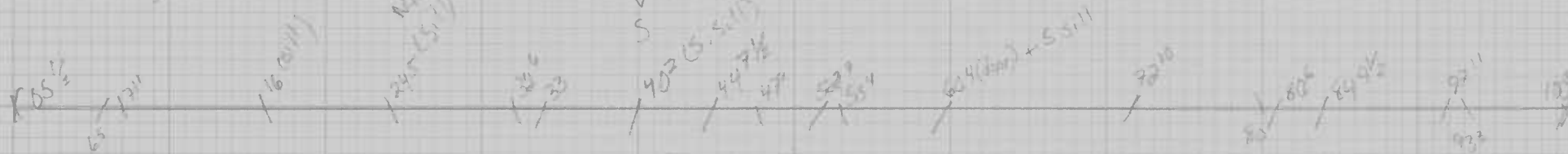
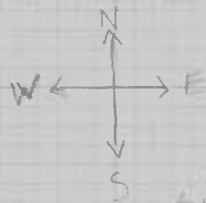
This barn is among the most recent included in the survey. The pressure-treated lumber and galvanized nails serve as proof of this. It has an aisle plan, typical of modern barns, that is carried to an extreme. The one hundred foot length of the barn makes it the longest barn among the one hundred fifty surveyed. This barn was probably built sometime during the 1970s when the demand for tobacco increased. Its extreme length and tobacco curing capacity are indicative of a large, undiversified, cash crop.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historic Period theme(s): Late Twentieth Century; Tobacco;  
Agriculture  
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1960-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

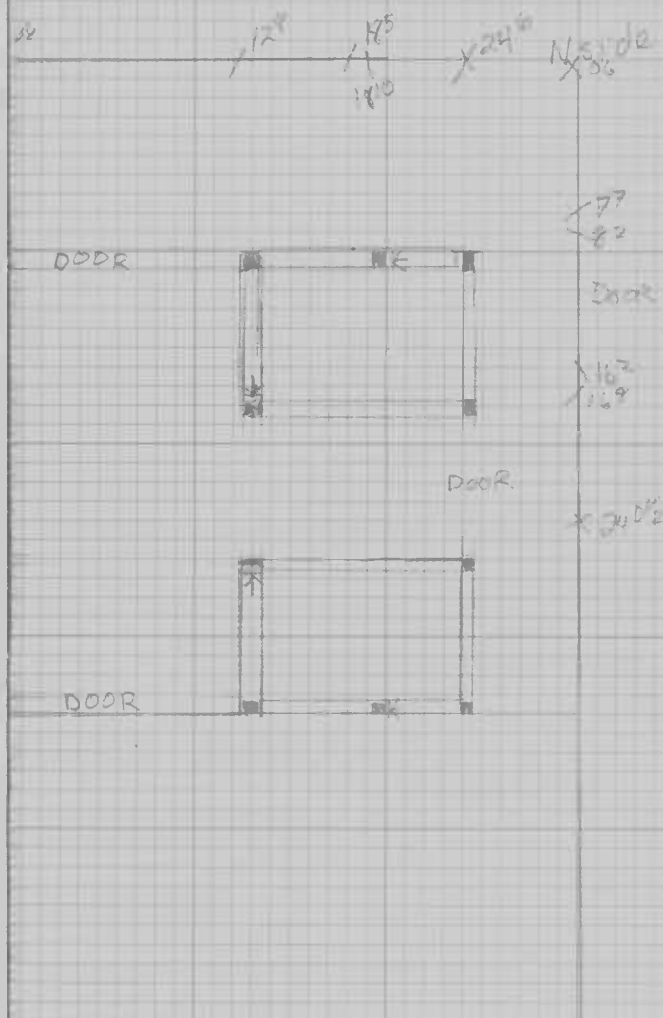
Although a housing project is to be built in the surrounding area, Mr. Howlin, (the developer) plans to maintain this barn. It is unknown what use it will be put to. It is unknown what farm this barn was historically associated with.

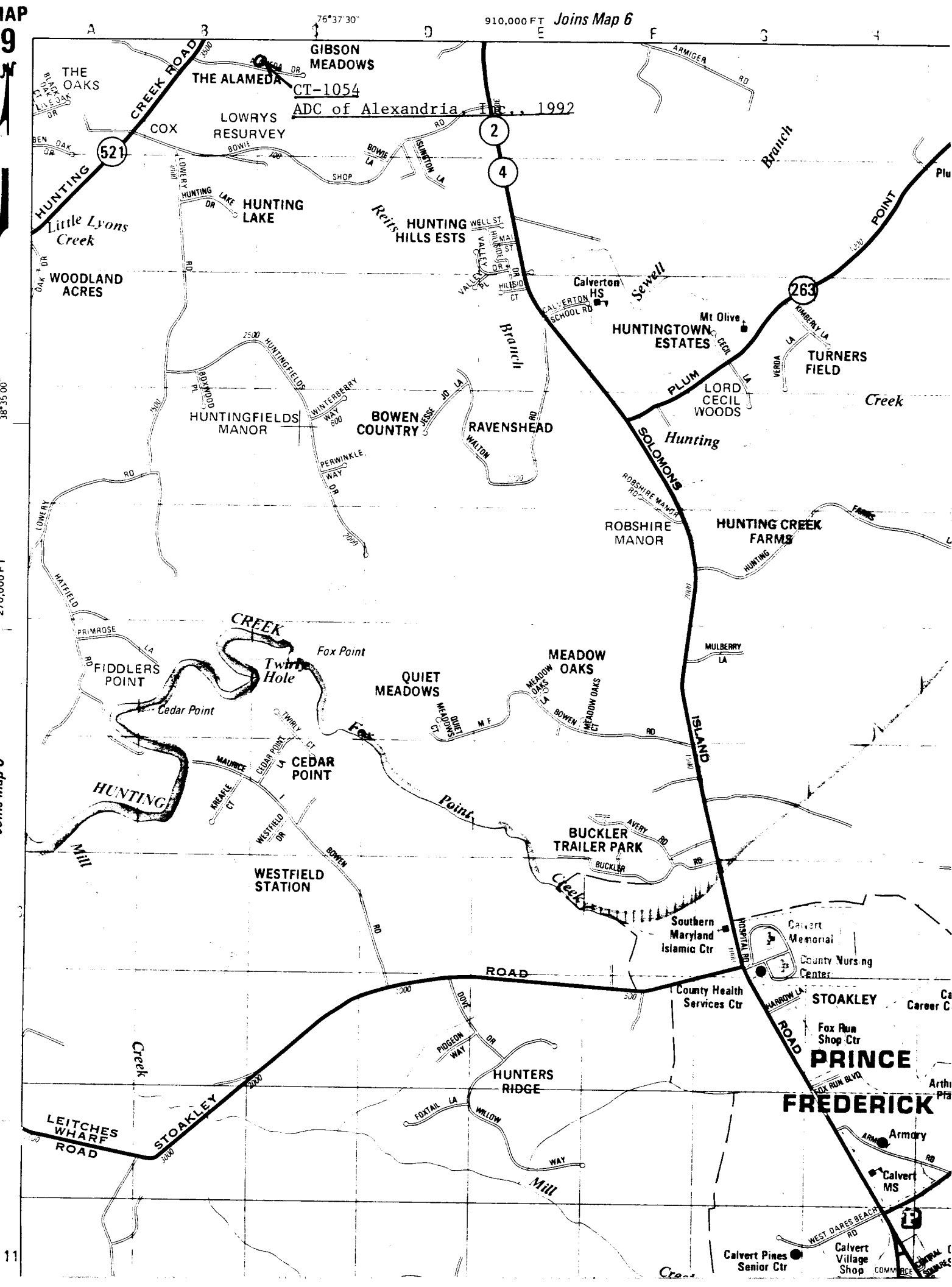
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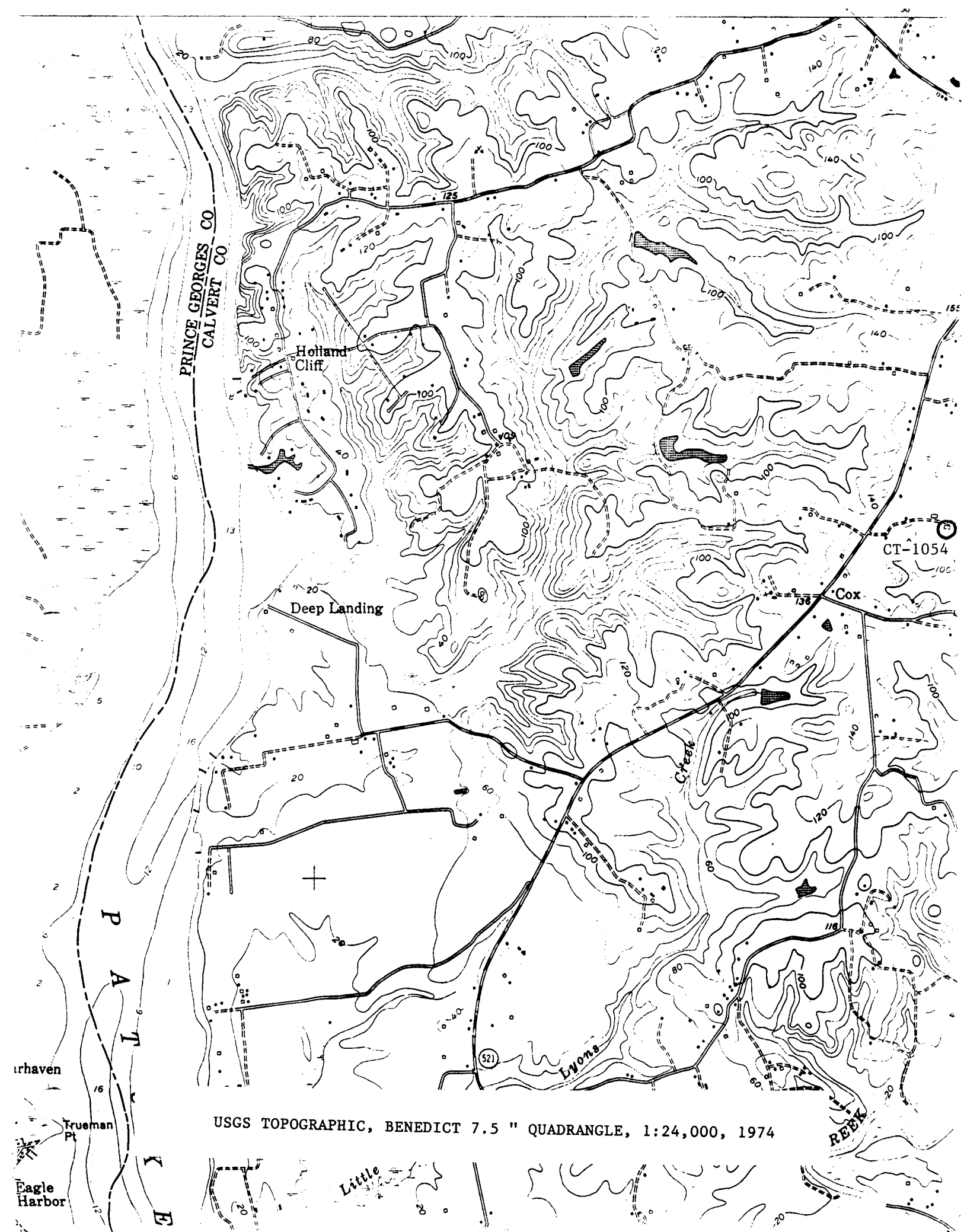




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